



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the application of C. Bagaosian et al.

) Examiner: S. Kennedy

For: **INTRAVASCULAR CATHETER
WITH A REPLACEABLE SHAFT
SECTION**

) Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 08/843,711

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Docket No.: 9600-2111

**RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION**

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted In response to the Office Action
of April 24, 2001 having a response due by July 24, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new Claim 31.

31. (New) A catheter for introduction into and withdrawal from the vascular
system of a patient over a guidewire in said vascular system, which comprises:

a) said catheter having a distal section and a proximal section;

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